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In re Application of:)
TRAUTMAN, Joseph C., et al.)
Serial No:) Group Art Unit: UNK
Filed:) Examiner: UNK
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
COATING SKIN PIERCING)
MICROPROJECTIONS)
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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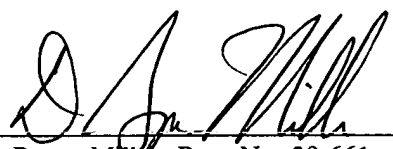
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The Examiner is hereby requested to consider these references and other information and make them of record in the above-referenced application. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of this application are patentable over the above-cited references and information. Examination and allowance of this application at an early date are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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